4) Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Ltd.

5) Broadcast Worldwide Ltd.

6) Sky (B) Bangla Pvt. Ltd.

7) Television Eighteen India Ltd.

(d) to (f) The matter is currently under examination.

**Conference of Ministers**

4101. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the decisions arrived at the Conference of the Information and Broadcasting Ministers of the States?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): During the 25th Conference of State & Union Territory Ministers of Information & Cinematography (SIMCON) held on 16th April, 2005 at New Delhi consensus emerged for—

(i) more effective implementation of anti-piracy laws by officials of State Government and local authorities

(ii) licensing or registration of Video Libraries by State Government

(iii) to organize sensitization and training of State Government Officers by the Government of India for monitoring cable operators

(iv) to work towards further reduction of Entertainment Tax to bring it in the range of 25-30% to revive cinema industry

(v) to designate District and Public Information Officers (DIPR's) to collect annual statement in respect of the Newspapers and pass it on to Registrar of newspapers for India.

(vi) State Governments agreed to provide land and other logistic need like power, etc. to Prasar Bharati.

(vii) State Governments also agreed to provide DTH Set Top Boxes in the border areas, hilly areas and also for weaker sections. It was recommended that Government of India and States together workout a scheme to provide Set Top Boxes to schools, anganwadis, etc.

(viii) State Governments suggested that Cable operators should be registered with DMs or SDMs or Police Commissioners in future instead of post offices as per existing practice.

(ix) A detailed scheme may be worked out by Government of India regarding CAS legislation in three metro cities--Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata in consultation with the concerned State Government.

(x) Finally, it was decided that SIMCON will be held annually henceforth and official level interaction will be held twice a year.

**Publication of books**

†4102. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) the number of books published by the Department of Publication in Hindi, English, Urdu and other Indian languages during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the titles of these books separately;

(c) the expenditure incurred on these books language-wise; and

(d) The steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to promote the publication of books in Indian languages?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Publications Division has published the following number of books during the last three years:

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---|---|---|---|
| English | 28 | 25 | 30 |
| Hindi | 101 | 118 | 63 |
| Urdu | 4 | - | 2 |
| Other Indian Languages | 24 | 10 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 157 | 153 | 114 |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.